

Pro-Slavery.

We perceive by our Jamaica files, that the planters of Jamaica are thoroughly aroused on the subject of the Coolies, who are brought to them from India by the British Government, as substitutes for negro labourers. The *Jamaica Review*, a Journal for negro labourers, has published several petitions on the subject of 21 instant, containing the names of the planters, and of the House of Assembly, in which they complain bitterly of the Cooley system, as oppressive and unjust. The petitioners state that they are taxed \$8 88 annually for each Coolie over two or three out of every four, that there are 100,000 of them imported, who are fit for agricultural labour, and that the remainder of them are the very dregs of the population of Calcutta and Madras. They were led to believe by the English Government, that the Coolies imported would all be good agriculturists, labourers, and domestic servants; but now they find to their preference their employment is for 2 or 3 years. On the contrary, the moment the labourer's contract is ended, say the petitioners, they wander all over the country, and a large number become themselves to begging, and become either a nuisance to travellers, or inmates of the poor houses, and the remainder, as they say, are liable to be sold into slavery, as well as their habits and convenience.

GENERAL LASS ON THE WILMOT PROviso.—General Cass has published a long letter in the Washington papers, in which he takes strong ground against the Wilmot Proviso, and all the movers and abettors of that principle. The position of Mr. Cass, therefore, on that great question, is well known. It is not, however, so generally known, that Mr. Van Buren and his friends in this State, who may be called the half-blooded abolition party of the North, are in Mr. Cass's letter written with a great deal of force and convincing argument. The following is a specimen of that half-blooded abolition of the Wilmot Proviso, as it is regarded the Constitution, in a clear and practical manner. This movement of this distinguished Statesman is calculated to consolidate that portion of the Democratic party, that are in favor of the Proviso, and to add to the mission of W. V. abolition doctrine, or any other of the doctrines that have been taken up and debated by the friends of W. V. Buren in this State, and which will probably drive and distract the great mass of the people of the country soundly in the direction Mr. Clay the next President, should he be nominated by the Whig Convention, with a veritable anti-slavery campaign is now opening. The letter is a most valuable anti-publican General's letter as soon as possible. The Editor of the Standard, his talent, his frankness, and his Statesmanship.—N. Y.

Selections

The President of the United States, in his Message to Congress of the 7th of December, 1847, submits the following proposition:

"I recommend to Congress that an appropriation be made, to be paid to the Spanish Government for the purpose of distributing among the claimants in the Amislad case." I entertain the conviction that there is no Spain under the treaty of the 20th October, 1795; and, moreover, that, from the earliest manner in which the claim continues to be urged so long as it shall remain unsettled, it will be a source of irritation and discord among the two countries, which may prove highly prejudicial to the interests of the United States. Good policy, no less than a faithful compliance with our treaty obligations, requires that the inconsiderable appropriation demanded should be made.¹⁹

Their names have been simply investigated by the judiciary, and dismissed as illegal.

The Government must not be disposed of in this manner and for the same reason.

Had not Don Pedro Montez and Don Jose Ruiz presented their own petition to Congress for this claim, then all the attending facts of their case must be spread upon the records of Congress, and they have been upon the records of the District Court of the United States, and the Supreme Court of the United States, and they should be now under this form of the claim. Should either House of Congress so far entertain this subject as to refer it to a Committee, then such Committee can do no less than to call for these records, and find out what is all preserved in the District Court of the United States, and the Supreme Court of the United States, and the finding of that Court can easily be obtained. It is to be presumed that the President has never personally investigated this case, and it is deeply to be regretted that he has not.

The probability is, that he may have seen nothing on the subject, except the argument of the former Attorney General, who was in fact the adviser of the President.

To save others the trouble and labour of looking up those records, we annex to this article an extract from the finding and opinion of the District Court of Connecticut, as published in the *New York Commercial Advertiser* of the 10th of January, 1840.

From the Herkimer Freeman.
THE WALKER MEETINGS.

That well-known sufferer for righteousness' sake (Capt. Jonathan Walker, an honest-hearted weather-beaten Christian sailor, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, who, for twenty years, has been the benefactor of those who visit his wife, and family of eight children, being now near fifty years of age, and anxious to disseminate more light on Slavery's swart) they theme—arrived here on the 25th inst. and spoke for two nights at the Faneuil Hall, since which he has been securing in our Northern towns, and cities, one more meeting here on New-Year's night, expects to "show his hand" among the people of the other sections of the county. He is accompanied from Boston by John S. Jacobs, "a noble man of sable brow;" who, though he is one more since a Carolinian slave, has well improved his self-

gained freedom, and speaks with fluency and depth of interest scarcely excelled by any of his predecessors—even by Douglass himself. There also is the collection of papers affecting Narrative of "The Branded Head," with other valuable Anti-Slavery publications, which the friends of God and Truth should read in scattering like snow-flakes through the Mohawk vale; for surely, among the offspring of the very men who drenched its soil with their own gore for Freedom's sake, Slavery should be

— "A monster of so hideous mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen."

closed on Saturday evening, the 18th instant. Its results are encouraging to the hearts of those who have laboured zealously and diligently for many months, in its preparation. The report of the Committee of Arrangements, which will soon be presented to our readers, will show the amount of receipts and profits. It is necessary for us to speak only of what we have seen and felt. We were there, we were held in the large Saloon of the Assembly Buildings, the rare beauty and elegance of which, added much to the brilliant effect of the general appearance of the Fair. The same banners and inscriptions which were minutely described in our account of last year's Fair, again adorned our room, and we were again reminded of giving pleasure to the eye, and by the noble sentiments which they bestowed on the fountains of the heart, suggesting lofty thoughts and high resolves for humanity. Our Flag again floated on the air, uttering its eloquent pleadings in behalf of Liberty for all the inhabitants of the land, and we were again reminded of the words of the poet, that that silent bell should, ere long ring up the jubilee peal of our nation.

several in favor, and it has been presented, in accordance with their previous vote and sentiment. Seventeen of such members were absent at the time of taking the vote, and still, notwithstanding this unaccountable defection, the bill received five votes of one hundred and three members present and voting.

The good cause is evidently making rapid advance in the favourable estimation of our citizens, and has received the Sessions of the present Legislature, greater attention and a more full discussion than at any previous time. The friends of the measure have good reasons to believe that the effects of this attention and discussion have been such as to remove some of the objections heretofore advanced by our opponents. Let us avail ourselves of the advantages thus acquired, and press forward with firmness, until we become a law well doing.

You are earnestly requested to use your influence in your section of the State, to promote measures to

advocate the cause; and to circulate, for signature
memorials to be presented, at an early day, to our
newly-elected Legislature. We annex a form of
Memorial, published by the society.

WILLIAM T. M'COON, President.

The people of the United States have been placed by Providence in a position never before enjoyed by any other nation. They are possessed of the most extensive territory, with a very fertile soil, and a variety of climates and productions, and a capacity of sustaining a population greater, in proportion to its extent, than any other territory of the same size on the face of the globe.

But admitting, with respect to Mexico, the superiority of race, this confers no superiority of rights. Among ourselves the most ignorant, the most inferior, or either in body or mental faculties, is recognized as having the same equal rights, and he has an equal right with any one, however superior to him in all those respects. This is founded on the immutable principle that no man is born with the right of governing another man. He may, indeed, acquire a moral influence over others, and on this moral principle the same principle will apply to nations. However superior the Anglo-American race may be to that of Mexico, this gives the Americans no right to infringe upon the rights of the inferior race. The people of the United States may rightfully, and will, if they have the sense, exert the most beneficial moral influence over the Mexicans, and other less enlightened nations of America. Beyond this they have no right to go.

The allegation that the subjugation of Mexico would be the means of enlightening the Mexicans, and of giving them the exercise of the means of their happiness, is, but the shallow attempt to dis-

guise unbounded cupidity and ambition. True never was or can be propagated by fire, and swayed for by any other than purely moral means. By them and by these alone, the Christian religion was propagated, and enabled, in less than three hundred years, to conquer idolatry. During the whole of this time, the religion was tainted by no other blood than that of its martyrs.

The duties of the people of the United States toward other nations are obvious. Never losing sight of the divine precept, "Do to others as you would be done by," they have only to consult their own consciences. For our benevolent Creator has implanted in the hearts of men the moral sense, right reasoning, and a conscience, which, in all other men, are evidence, which are of daily occurrence.

IMPORTANT MOVE.
Says the Louisville Journal:—"A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of Alabama, the object of which is to prevent the separation of the families of negroes and to exempt them from sale to legal process. A motion was made to indefinitely postpone the bill, but it was lost by a large majority."

The Convention held in connection with the Fair added its full share to the interest and profit of that occasion. The social pleasures, the free flow of conversation, and intermingling of the foreign and the native, the opportunity of seeing some of the freshest that they for a time have place to the serious business, and more formal discussions of the public meeting. Being both at the same time, and in the same building, they were closely connected in outward position as well as in design and spirit, and while their various experiences helped to make the harmony of delight the more complete. The Convention held its session in the front saloon of the Assembly Buildings, and the first day, Monday, the forenoon and afternoon of Thursday and Friday, with an increasing interest to the last. We cannot repeat the vast audiences and gathered thousands, though during the afternoon the room was full, part of the time uncomfortably crowded. But if we had not the time

Poetry.

From the Opal, for 1848.

BY THE SEA SIDE.

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

The twilight is sad and cloudy,
The wind blows wild and free,
And like the wings of sea birds,
Flash the white caps of the sea.

But in the fisherman's cottage,
There shines a ruddier light,
And a little face at the window,
Peers out into the night.

Close, close it is pressed to the window,
As if those childish eyes
Were looking into the darkness,
To see some shape arise.

And a woman's waving shadow
Is passing to and fro,
Now rising to the ceiling,
Now bowing and bending low.

What tales does the roaring ocean,
And the night wind, bleak and wild,
As it beats at the crazy casement
Tell to the little child?

And why do the roaring ocean,
And the night wind, wild and bleak,
As they beat at the heart of the mother,
Drive the colour from her cheek?

From the British Friend.

A FRIENDLY INVOCATION TO AMERICA.

BY J. S. BUCKINGHAM.

Written on being requested to give my Autograph as a
contribution towards an Anti-Slavery Bazaar, preparing
to be held at Boston, in the United States of America.

When will Columbia in her might,
Rise like a giant from her sleep,
And give the Slave his long lost right,
And cast his fetters in the deep?

Alas! that such a beautiful land,
So vast, so fertile, so sublime,
Should wear upon her front the brand
And impress of so dark a crime!

Up! rouse, then, all who wish to see
Columbia truly good and great;
Bid every Slave from hence be free,
And tread his chain beneath his feet.

Then will all freeborn hearts rejoice,
Throughout the gladdened Christian world,
And Europe, with united voice,
Hail Freedom's flag—at length—unfurled.

Till then where'er her ensign flies,
The stars her splendid banner bears,
Bedimmed with Slavery's groans and sighs,
Will have their lustre dimmed by tears.

Hasten! O God of Love and Peace!
The dawn of that auspicious day,
When Slavery and war shall cease,
Where'er the nations own Thy sway.

British Hotel, Edinburgh,
November 10th, 1847.

From Graham's Magazine for January, 1848.

A FUNERAL THOUGHT.

BY J. BAYARD TAYLOR.

When the pale genius to whose hollow tramp
F. ho the startled chambers of the soul,
Waves his inverted torch or that wan camp
Where the archangel's martial trumpets roll,
I would not meet him in the chamber dim,
Flushed and overburthened with a nameless fear
When the breath flutters, and the senses swim,
And the dread hour is near!

Though Love's dear arms might clasp me fondly then,
As if to keep the Summoner at bay,
And woman's woe and the calm grief of men
Hallow at last the still, unbreathing clay—
These are Father's fetters, and the soul would shrink,
Thus bound, from Darkness and the dread Unknown,
Stretching its arms from Death's eternal brink,
Which it must dare alone!

But in the awful silence of the sky,
Upon some mountain summit never trod
Through the bright ether would I climb, to die
Afar from mortals, and alone with God!
To the pure keeping of the stainless air,
Would I resign my feeble, failing breath,
And with the rapture of an answered prayer
Welcome the kiss of Death!

The soul, which wrestled with that doom of pain,
Prometheus-like, its lingering portion here,
Would there forget the vulture and the chain,
And leap to freedom from its mountain-bier!
All that it ever knew, of noble thought,
Would guide it upward to the glorious track,
Nor the keen pang of parting anguish wrought,
Turn its bright glances back!

Then to the elements my frame would turn;
No words should riot on my coffin'd clay,
But the cold limbs, from that sepulchral urn,
In the slow storms of ages waste away!
Loud winds, and thunder's diapason on high,
Should be my requiem through the coming time,
And the white summit, fading in the sky,
My monument sublime!

THE MILLINER.

Make her work harder; she is but a milliner;
How can she complain hard work is killing her!
Aged seventeen, and in a consumption!
Some law should be made to punish presumption.

Make her work harder; her mother, poor creature,
Is paralytic in each limb and feature:
In such a condition, she should be willing
To work day and night, to obtain a shilling.

Make her work harder; she dwells in a kitchen,
And people who live by their hemming and stitching
Must keep on working for breakfast and dinner,
Or go without clothes, and get thinner and thinner.

Harder they made her work, harder than ever,
Then came across her path a practised-deceiver,
One young and wealthy, one smiling upon her,
First gained her affections, and then her dishonour!

Of course he forsook her; a creature so tender,
Who in this world would care to defend her?
Down with her, down with her! lower and lower,
In a very few weeks her old mother would know her.

Bright are her young eyes, delighted beholders,
Her hair falls in ringlets over her shoulders;
Down with her, down with her! lower and lower!
'Tis only the vilest acknowledge they know her.

God! what a wreck of a creature so dutiful!
God! what a wreck of a creature so beautiful!
Purchase a shroud, her pale face to tie in;
Take her away! the victim is dying.

Miscellany.

We find in the London News a report of the annual
soiree of the Manchester Athenaeum. Among
the speakers were Alison, the Historian, Cobden, Dr.
Browning, R. W. Emerson, and George Cruikshank.
We make an extract from the speech of Cobden,
which cannot fail to interest our readers:

Before I rose I said to a friend of mine in the room,
"What shall I talk about?" And he said, "Tell them
something about your foreign travels, because it
will be a variety." I said, "Where can I begin?
I have been from Cadix to Nishni Novgorod—where
shall I begin?" "Tell them something about Spain
and Russia, the two extremes." (Laughter.)
Now, gentlemen, I ought not to speak of my trip to
the Continent at all without taking the first public
opportunity of expressing my thanks, as an English-
man, for the cordial welcome I received in every
country I visited. (Applause.) I say as an English-
man, because it is something irregular in the an-
nals of the world that a foreigner should visit nearly
every country on the continent, and there should
find men prepared in public to sympathize with
principles which he was identified with in his country,
and those principles merely applied, as we
thought, to domestic concerns of his country. Now,
without entering on the question which, even here,
might be a controverted point, I merely say that the
fact of an Englishman being so received abroad is a
proof at all events that we are enlarging the circle
of our sympathies; that the sphere of which political
action is working is extending every day.

(Hear, hear.) Instead of viewing each other with
a narrow jealous spirit, which formerly distinguished
the different nations of Europe, we are prepared to
take a wider and more generous view of the in-
terests of ourselves, of the interests of our neigh-
bours, and we are approaching that time when we
think our interests are identical. (Applause.)
Well, gentlemen, at these two extremes of my
peregrinations, I observed a curious feature, I found
the oriental type at two opposite extremes. I found
in Andalusia the remains of Moors, evidenced in
the dress, in the habits, and in the architecture of
the people; and I found at Moscow the remains of
the Tartars, as evidenced by precisely the same signs
of dress and building, and in the habits of the popu-
lation. But about two extremes, and one of very in-
termediate country through which I travelled, I was
constantly forced to this reflection: We are so simi-
lar; there is so little real difference between us in
our moral attributes; at all events, we are identical
in the same, having the same sympathies, having the
same domestic traits, having the same affections
and likings and dislikes, my constant wonder was,
or is, that very widely different families of men
placed in those countries should have so long met
as enemies. (Cheers.) There is one other feature
which has been lately performed with great success
at Paris, entitled, *Faute de s'Entendre*, or the want
of understanding each other. It runs thus:—The
parties in the scene begin with a misunderstanding
of the several objects and interests of the parties
playing, and it goes through two or three acts, in
which the parties are subjected to the greatest pos-
sible perplexities, and a great deal of real suffering,
and in the end is found to have been all a mis-
take, and a want of misunderstanding of each other,
and if there had not been this misunderstanding, they
would have suffered nothing of the kind. Now I
believe in all Europe there has been the same comedy
played amongst the different Governments, resulting
from the want of a proper understanding between
them. (Applause.) We have been playing, not a
farce or a comedy, but a sad tragedy at times, and
it has all been from a want of understanding. We
have not one common interest, and we have not
one common language, and if you only find the means,
(and we sometimes vain enough in Manchester to say
we discovered a key to that secret,) by which you
could show to the nations of Europe that their
interests are identical, and that their objects are the same,
you will be conferring a greater blessing on humani-
ty than has been diffused since the creation of the
world. Now, gentlemen, in the most interesting
country—interior to the walls—and with which we
are identified in our habits and in our literature, I
mean Italy—I find there a new life springing up,
and when I inquired how it was that Italy began to
make itself heard and felt in the rest of Europe, I
came to the conclusion, from all that I could observe,
that it arose from a quiet progress of thought and
of intelligence arising out of the education of the people.
There have been in Italy great efforts made
for the education of the people. I found to my
astonishment, in almost every town, even towns of five-
teen or twenty thousand inhabitants, several infant
schools, supported by voluntary contributions, super-
intended by Italian nobles. I saw a school at Turin,
where a Marquis attends daily, and rides on a
rocking-horse with the children, and joins them in
their play. And to his honour I will mention him,
for he cannot be ashamed to own to you all—the
Marquis of Dazilio, brother to the king of Sardinia,
who have seen on the present state of Italy. They
you have in Italy now, as you always had, leading
minds—great individualities in every town. Strik-
ing men who have been engaged in writing and treat-
ing on every question of social importance. You
have in every town in Italy, men who are taking a
deep interest, not only in schools but in prison disci-
pline, and in every question relating to the moral
condition of the people. As regards political econo-
my, I was amazed at the number of persons I found
in Italy who have a sympathy with our practical
efforts and controversies on the subject of po-
litical economy. (Hear.)

Every lawyer, every counsellor in Italy studies po-
litical economy as a part of his education, and hence
arises the great interest that was taken on the sub-
ject in which we have been so long and so ardently
engaged in England. It is to this quiet influence,
it has not been from any violent outbreak, that the
present state of things is coming round. (Applause.)
Violence and revolution retard the progress of man-
kind; but I trace to institutions kindred to this,
though not the same—I trace to those institutions all
the progress that has been made in Italy; and I join
with our worthy Chairman in saying it is to the pro-
gress of the human mind that all Governments owe
their progress; for it is only by mind they can pro-
gress at all. I join with him again when he says po-
litical opinion controls the Government; and I go fur-
ther, and say, that any one who experiences an obedi-
ency in Europe, I know that there is no such thing
as despotism in the old sense of the word, that public
opinion controls everywhere the Governments more
or less, and it rules the better in proportion as
it is wiser; but give me the compound ratio of the
character and intelligence of any people, and I will
give the character of the Government under which
they live, no matter what its form is. If you ask
me, after my long tour on the continent, what it is
distinguished men of this day. I like intercourse
with living minds. I pass by aqueducts, columns,
and ruins, and I say amongst the Italians of the pre-
sent time you find, not in the mass of the people—I
will not pretend to say so, but you will find in Ita-
ly some of the most amiable, accomplished, and in-
teresting men that are to be found in Europe; and it
is these men and the intercourse I had with them,
that I tell you frankly, come back to my memory
with greater pleasure than anything I experienced
abroad. I argue that in the present state of things
being made in Italy you will see progress just as the
people become more and more enlightened. You
have there as you always had, first-rate natural qua-
lities in the race of the people. If this people are
left to themselves, if they have that privilege
that we claim for ourselves; if they are left to work
out their own regeneration, I do not doubt but that
the people who have twice given civilization to the
world, have the power within themselves again to
work out their own redemption. Gentlemen, I con-
cur in a remark made by your excellent Chairman
with respect to the study of modern languages; I
can speak to you feelingly on this topic. Oh, if I
had my time over again, and were placed in the situ-
ation in which many of you, the young men here
present, are placed, I would not arrive at the age of
twenty-five without having a perfect mastery of the
French, German, and Italian. Of the French I will
say, it is the language of communication in all Eu-
rope. Now, I do not pretend to say that in a hun-
dred years hence the French will be spoken so much
as the English. I believe quite the contrary. (Hear.)
I believe that the English language is destined to be
spoken more than any other language that ever ex-
isted; but the French language has become and will
continue, the language of communication throughout

Europe. For instance, in all my travels in Spain, in
Italy, in Germany, in Russia, in Austria, I never had
a letter of introduction; and I never met a man with
whom I wished to communicate, that did not speak
French fluently. In Germany, French is spoken even
more generally than English. In Russia, amongst the
educated men, French is the universal
medium of communication. Now, will not be the case
in coming to the time when it will be the case
with few who will travel to the continent. I expect
to see the day when the operatives from this part of
the world will go in cheap trains to Paris. Within
a few months of this time the railway from Bou-
logne to Paris will be completed; and you may then
go by railway from the capital of England to the
capital of France, in ten hours. (Hear.) Well,
gentlemen, I returned home as I was satisfied that
it is in institutions like this you not only find great-
ness and distinction of character from the whole of
Europe, but that it is by the literary improvement of
the mind amongst young men that you may seek to
attain the superiority which, in some respects, we
do possess over the rest of Europe. We have credit
with the people of the continent for having "within
uselves the spirit and the habit of improvement." How
could they be better upheld—how could they be bet-
ter directed, than in the maintenance of an institu-
tion such as this? For if this be not maintained in
support of an institution such as this, you will not
be able to support it in any manner whatever. I
exhort you to maintain this kindred institution
on the ground of public and private. I have had
many changes. I have seen as many plans of so-
ciety as most—I do not speak egotistically—I am
merely going to elucidate a thought. (Hear.) I
have seen many phases of society. I have had
many exciting means of occupation and of gratifica-
tion, and I tell you honestly and conscientiously,
that if I want to look back to that which has given
me the purest satisfaction of mind, it is in those pur-
suits which are accessible to every member of the
Athenaeum. (Hear, hear.) I have not found the
greatest enjoyment in exciting politics and public
meetings. I have not found the greatest plea-
sure or interest in intercourse, sometimes with
men of elevated sphere abroad. While others
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